IN THE CLAIMS:

Please consider the following claims.

1. **(Previously Presented)** A method for removing water from surfaces of substrata, comprising the steps of covering said surface with a composition having a specific weight higher than that of the water and subsequently removing water from the composition by skimming, wherein a composition essentially consisting of the following components is used:

A) a non ionic additive having a fluoropolyether structure with a fluorinated T end group containing one chlorine atom, having the following formula:

$$T\text{-}OR_f(CFY)\text{-}L \qquad (I)$$

wherein

$$L = X\text{-}CH_2CH_2(OCH_2CH_2)_nB \qquad (Ia)$$

wherein:

$X =$ CH_2O; CH_2NR''; $CONR''$; $CH_2OCH_2CH_2NR''$;

CH_2OCOCH_2O;

$B =$ OH; SH; NRH''; OCH_3; $OCOCH_3$,

with $R'' = H$; $C_{1\text{-}3}$ alkyl,

T is a fluorinated radical selected from $ClCF_2CF(CF_3)\text{-}$, $CF_3CFClCF_2\text{-}$, $ClCF_2CF_2\text{-}$, $ClCF_2\text{-}$,

$Y = CF_3$ or F,

- R_f is a perfluoropolyether or fluoropolyether radical;

- the number average molecular weight of the fluoroether part $T\text{-}OR_f$- is in the range 400 - 2,000,

- a ratio by weight (K) between the fluorinated part and an L part of the additive is in the range 1.50 - 4.00; n in formula (Ia) is such as the ratio (K) is in the range 1.50 - 4.00;

B) a perfluoropolyether having number average molecular weight in the range 300 - 900, provided that a ratio (K^l) between the number average molecular weight of the fluoropolyether part T-OR$_f$- of the additive A) and the number average molecular weight of component B) is higher than 1.60.

2. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the number average molecular weight of the fluoroether part T-OR$_f$- of the compounds of formula (I) component A) is in the range 500 - 1,200.

3. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolyether component B) has number average molecular weight in the range of 300-650.

4. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the radical R$_f$ comprises repeating units statistically distributed along the polymer chain selected from: 1) (CF_2CF_2O), 2) (CFYO) wherein Y is equal to F or CF_3, 3) (C_3F_6O); 4) ($CF_2(CF_2)_zO$) wherein z is an integer equal to 2 or 3; 5) ($CF_2CF(OR_f)O$) or ($CF(OR_f)O$) wherein R$_f$ is equal to -CF_3, -C_2F_5, -C_3F_7; 6) $CR_4R_5CF_2CF_2O$ wherein R$_4$ and R$_5$ are equal to or different from each other and selected between Cl or perfluoroalkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms.

5.   **(Previously Presented)**   A method according to claim 4, wherein the group R_f comprises the following repeating units:
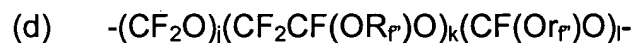
(a) $-(CF_2CF(CF_3)O)_a(CFYO)_b-$
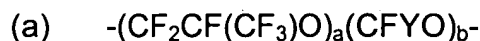
wherein Y is F or CF_3; a and b are integers such that the molecular weight of T-OR_{f}- is in the range 400 - 2,000; a/b is in the range 10 -100;

(b) $-(CF_2CF_2O)_c(CF_2O)_d(CF_2(CF_2)_zO_h)-$

wherein c, d and h are integers such that the molecular weight of T-OR_f is within the range 400-2,000; c/d is in the range 0.1 - 10; h/(c+d) is in the range 0 - 0.5, z = 2 or 3, h can be equal to 0;

(c) $-(CF_2CF(CF_3)O)_e(CF_2CF_2O)_f(CFYO)_g-$
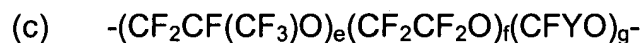
wherein Y is F or CF_3; e, f, g are integers such that the molecular weight of T-OR_f is within the range 400 - 2,000; e/(f+g) is in the range 0.1 - 10, f/g is in the range 2 - 10;

(d) $-(CF_2O)_j(CF_2CF(OR_{f'})O)_k(CF(Or_{f'})O)_l-$

wherein: R_f is $-CF_3$, $-C_2C_5$, $-C_3F_7$; j, k, l are integers such that the molecular weight of T-OR_f is within the range 400 - 2,000; k+l and j+k+l are at least equal to 2, k/(j+l) is in the range 0.01 - 1,000, l/j is in the range 0.01 - 100;

(e) $-(CF_2(CF_2)_zO)_s-$
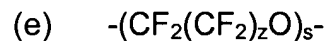
wherein s is an integer such as to give the molecular weight of T-OR_f in the range 400 - 2,000, z = 2 or 3;

(f) $-(CR_4R_5CF_2CF_2O)_{j'}-$
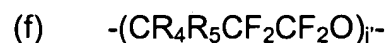
wherein R_4 and R_5 are equal to or different from each other and selected from H, Cl or perfluoroalkyl, having 1-4 carbon atoms, j' being an integer such that the molecular weight of T-OR$_f$ is in the range 400 - 2,000;

(g) $-(CF(CF_3)CF_2O)_{j''}-$

j" being an integer such to give the molecular weight of T-OR$_f$ in the range 400 - 2,000.

6.   (Previously Presented)   A method according to claim 1, wherein the value K^I is higher than 2.00.

7.   (Previously Presented)   A method according to claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolyether component B) has the following structure:
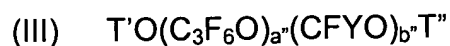
T' - O - R$_f$ - T"

wherein:

R$_f$ is the perfluoropolyether radical according to claim 1;

T' and T", equal to or different, are selected from $-CF_3$, $-C_2F_5$, $-C_3F_7$.

8.   (Previously Presented)   A method according to claim 7, wherein the perfluoropolyether component B) has a structure selected from the following:

(III) $T'O(C_3F_6O)_{a''}(CFYO)_{b''}T''$

wherein Y = F or CF_3, a" and b" are integers such that the molecular weight of B) is within the range 300 - 900 with a"/b" in the range 1-40; T' and T" are as above defined.

(IV) $T'O(C_2F_4O)_p(CF_2O)_qT''$
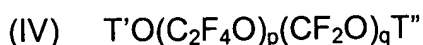
wherein p and q are integers such that the molecular weight of B) is within the [indicated] range 300 - 900 with p/q in the range 0.6 - 1.2; T' and T" are as above defined.

(V) $T'O(C_3F_6O)_{s'}T''$
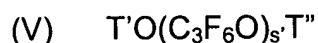
wherein s' is an integer such that the molecular weight of B) is within the range 300 - 900; T" and T" are as above defined.

9.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the amount of additive A) in the compositions is lower than or equal to 0.1% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

10.   (Previously Presented) A composition consisting essentially of component A) and component B) according to claim 1.

11.   (Canceled)

12.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein the number average molecular weight of the fluoroether part $T-OR_f$- of the compounds of formula (I) component A) is in the range 600 - 1,000.

13.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein the value K' is in the range 2.00-3.00.

14.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein the amount of additive A) in the compositions is lower than 0.05% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.